

Lanesboro City Council

Monday, April 9, 2012 with Continuation minutes of Monday April 16th

Council Chambers at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Steve Rahn, Tom Dybing, Keith Eide and Ceil Allen

Absent: Joe O'Connor

Visitors: Jade Sexton, Jan Meyer, Robert Thompson, Gary Heinzig of Waste Management, Doug and Greg from Richard's Sanitation, Miles Harter from Harter's Quick Clean Up, Geno Wentz from Veolia, Brian Luna, Ron Vikre, Julie Charlebois, Colleen Lamon, Rick Lamon and Tom Manion

PUBLIC HEARING – BOARD OF EQUALIZATION:

Mayor Rahn called the Board of Equalization hearing to order. Ron Vikre from the Fillmore County Assessor's office went over the numbers for the year noting that due to the Market Value Credit Change most residential properties saw a decrease in their taxes, however commercial properties increased. Mayor Rahn asked if any audience members would like to be heard.

Rick Lamon noted that he had some concerns with the valuation of the grocery store building, noting that it had been decreased, however he felt that it could be decreased further due to the condition of the building and its sale price. It was noted that the property currently listed at \$111,000. Rick had concerns over the taxes on the commercial properties stating that it is difficult to continue in a business with such high property taxes. Vikre noted that two properties, one owned by Creighton Horihan and one owned by Liz Bucheit had contacted Vikre during the time frame prior to the meeting. Vikre noted that he reviewed both properties and can recommend a decrease of \$7,000 for Creighton Horihan's property and for Liz Bucheit's property downtown noting that it is a one apartment unit above and used by them which brings the value down \$15,600.

Dybing made a motion to accept Vikre's recommendation for the Horihan and Bucheit properties, second Allen, motion carried.

Allen made a motion to reduce the Grocery Store, LLC property from \$111,200 to \$95,000, second Dybing, motion carried.

Adjourn Public Hearing: At 6:06pm, Eide made a motion to adjourn the public hearing, second Dybing, motion carried.

REGULAR MEETING:

Mayor Rahn called the regular meeting to order.

Dybing made the motion to approve the agenda, with the addition of Robert Thompson on assessments, second by Allen, motion carried.

The meeting minutes for the Public Hearing and Regular Meeting from March 5, 2012 were approved with a motion by Allen, Eide second, motion carried.

PERSONS WITH BUSINESS BEFORE THE COUNCIL:

- A. Rick Lamon – Alley Agreement:** Lamon note that he hoped that he as an owner of the property and the City Council could come to an agreement in regards to the alley agreement. He noted that if line item #4 could state Richard and Cheryl Lamon will not be assessed in the future, that he could accept that agreement. He also asked the Council to consider reimbursing half of one of the surveys done for this property, which would be around \$400. Allen made a motion to accept the dedication of the alley agreement with the proposed changes and to reimburse the Lamon's \$400 for survey costs with a copy of the survey provided to the City Office, second Eide, motion carried.
- B. Robert Thompson – Assessments:** Robert noted that he checked with six different cities and asked them whether they have worked with special assessments. He noted that Preston does not assess utility improvements; Chatfield, Elgin, St. Charles and Lewiston have not done assessments and Dover only has assessed curbs, blacktop and sidewalks. He noted that the City should take a look at what a real assessment policy looks like then they would use common sense. He stated that the Council should take a good hard look at the assessments for the Whittier/Maple project and remove the utility costs associated with the assessments, noting that the water line feeds Brooklyn and that the West end did not receive any benefit from the storm sewer.

HOUSEKEEPING:

G. Garbage RFP: Mayor Rahn noted that since all of the companies are present that the garbage bids could be discussed at this time. He noted that each company will get up to five minutes to state why the City of Lanesboro should choose them:

Waste Management: Gary noted that the he feels that Waste has serviced the City for years and have a great recycling system. He appreciated the opportunity to bid on the service.

Richard's Sanitation: Doug noted that he was thankful for the opportunity and noted that Richard's is a family owned business and that they would work really hard. He noted that they have lighter vehicles and they are very personable.

Harter's Quick Clean Up: Miles noted that they service 45 residential communities and that they have lighter vehicles. He noted they are responsive and family owned. He stated that they strive on good customer service.

Veolia: Geno noted that he was here in 2007 with a competitor, he feels that Veolia could do a good job for the City, he noted that their prices are higher as they only provide a cart service. He stated that Veolia would love to expand into the Fillmore County area.

Mayor Rahn that he felt the Council needed more time to review the bids, especially after hearing from each company today. He asked the Council members if they could participate in a continuation of this meeting to decide on a service provider. Rahn made a motion to have a continuation of this meeting for the RFP for Garbage Services, on Monday, April 16th at 5:30pm, second Eide, motion carried.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION MEETINGS:

- A. **Public Utilities Commission (PUC), April 2nd -Vickerman:** Vickerman reported that the utilities discussed the water meters noting that they were about two thirds complete with the project. It was noted that the electric meters would be installed late spring/early summer.
- B. **Library: March 13th-Allen:** Allen reported that the Library Board went to the Park Board to discuss signage to direct people to the City office or the Library. She noted that the Library was approved to have a mural painted in the hallway of the handicap ramp.
- C. **Park: February 27th -Rahn:** Rahn noted that the Park Board approved signage, storage and a mural for the Library Board. He noted a special thank you to S&A Petroleum for the new score board and to Dan Anderson, Cory Vickerman, Kyle Schiltz and VIS Plumbig for their donations to the Community Center Kitchen.
- D. **Planning & Zoning: March 19th and April 2nd – Dybing:** Dybing reported that the P&Z is recommending a variance for four feet on the side setback at the Charlie Happel property, Dybing made a motion to approve the variance, second Eide, motion carried.
- E. **HPC: March 26th – Vickerman:** Vickerman reported that the HPC is asking for Council approval and funding for a member to attend the Iowa HPC conference in Decorah, Iowa at the end of the month and a membership to the County Historical Society. Rahn made a motion to approve both requests, second Allen, motion carried.
- F. **EDA: April 4th – Vickerman:** Vickerman noted that the EDA reviewed new businesses and working towards finding their right fit in the community.

HOUSEKEEPING:

- A. **Paying of the Bills:** Eide made a motion to approve the bills as presented and any additional ordinary bills until the next meeting, second Dybing, motion carried.
- B. **Election Polling Place Resolution:** Rahn made a motion to approve the resolution as printed, second Allen, motion carried.
- C. **Thank you to S&A and Silent Bids for Old Scoreboard:** Rahn made a motion to accept sealed bids on the scoreboard and to sell to highest bidder, second Allen, motion carried.
- D. **Lion's Gambling License for Raffle:**
- E. **Buffalo Bill Days Gambling and Liquor Licenses:**
- F. **Turkey Federation Gambling and Liquor Licenses:**
Dybing made a motion to approve all the liquor and gambling licenses presented, second Allen, motion carried.
- G. **Garbage RFP: This item was handled earlier in the meeting and is continued to April 16th, 2012.**
- H. **Lodging License Approvals:** Dybing a motion to approve licenses based upon receipt of fee and Department of Health license, second Allen, motion carried.
- I. **HPC Requests: This item was handled under Committees and Commission:**

Chamber Report: Julie Charlebois noted that the strategic plan is completed. She noted that Ceil Allen has been attending the Chamber meetings and they appreciate her attendance. It was noted that the Chamber is requesting the City to water the flower baskets again this year, stating that they were hoping to have more baskets this year, Vickerman stated it would not be a problem. Charlebois noted that the Parking group needs to get together soon to discuss this issue before it comes up again.

Adjourn Regular Meeting: Dybing made a motion to adjourn, second Allen, motion carried.

Continuation Meeting: April 16th, 2012 at 5:30pm

Present: Rahn, Dybing, O'Connor, Allen and Eide

Absent: None

Present: Waste Management – John, Richard's Sanitation - Doug and Greg and Harter's Quick Clean Up – Gary Harter

The Continuation Meeting was called to order by Mayor Rahn.

Vickerman provided a monthly comparison spreadsheet. She asked each vendor if she disclosed each company's proposal properly. Each company representative stated that they felt their numbers were reflected accurately on the sheet. It was noted that with Richard's Sanitation bid that they originally were stated wrong noting that the Council had the option for the .85/bag service for which the City would be responsible for tonnage charges at Preston.

O'Connor made a motion to accept the bid for service from Harter's Quick Clean Up for bags and carts, Dybing second, motion carried.

Adjourn: Dybing made a motion to adjourn the continuation meeting, second Eide, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbie Vickerman
City Administrator/Clerk